2(i), 2(o) and 36-A of the Act respectively. In discharge of its functions, the Commission has initiated action in the followin number of cases from 1981—90 :

| | Instituted | Disposed of |
|---|---|---|
| Unfair Trade Practices Enquiries . . . . . | 1,722 | 1,145 |
| Restrictive Trade Practices Enquiries . . . . . | 3,054 | 2,430 |
| Compensation Applications . . . . . | 11,945 | 4,851 |
| Injunction Applications . . . . . | 521 | 425 |

The Commission examines the issue of profits and prices to the extent they have a bearing in deciding the matters coming before it. From the cases already decided, no general conclusion can be drawn as regards findings of the Commission on the issue of profits and prices.

(b) The annual revenue expenditure incurred by the Commission on its functioning during the year 1991-92 was Rs. 71 lakhs.

**Investigation by Department of Company Affairs**

579. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA :

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK :

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of officers appointed in the Investigation Wing of the Department of Company Affairs;

(b) what are the details of investigations conducted by them during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what were the issues involved and what are the findings of Investigation Wing on each; and

(d) what action was taken on each of these findings ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIR. (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM) : (a) An Inspector is appointec as and when an order to investigate the affairs of a company is passed.

(b) During the period 1989-90 to 1990-91, orders of investigation under Section 187-I of the Companies Act, 1956 in the matter of M/s. Statesman Limited and under Section 237(b) of the Act in the matter of M/s. Steel City Compto Aids Pvt. Ltd., were passed. The Inspectors in the abovementioned two cases submitted their reports on 28-6-1989 and 28-6-1991 respectively.

(c) and (d) In the matter of M/s. Statesman Ltd., the Inspector was directed to investigate the beneficial ownership of shares of the company, constituting about 41.2% of its equity, to ascertain the true status of 17 trusts and the actual persons, who are or have been having beneficial interest in the said shares, with a view to find out if the provisions of Section 187C of the Act have been complied with. The Inspector in his report brought out circumvention of the provisions of Section 77 and Section 187C of the Act. The investigation report was considered by the Company Law Board which held that there was no violation of the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.

In the matter of M/s. Steel City Compto Aids Pvt. Ltd., the Inspector was directed to investigate into all financial and other irregularities and contraventions of the provisions of the Companies Act and/or any other law and the person or persons responsible therefor. The investigation report submitted by the Inspector has pointed out

*inter-alia* violation of the provisions of Sections 159, 209, 120, 211, 220, 224, 225, 229 and 301 of the Companies Act, 1956 and a copy of the investigation report has been forwarded to the Regional Director, Calcutta, for further necessary action in the matter.

**Scheme to attract NRI investment in real estate**

580. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the scheme to attract NRI investigation in real estate covering housing and commercial constrtuction is pending with his Ministry for clearance;

(b) if so, since when it is pending with his Ministry;

(c) the reasons for which it is pending and whether Government propose to clear it; and

(d) if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARMANGALAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**लोक अदालतों का कार्यकरण**

581. **श्री राघव जी** : क्या विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) न्यायालयों में लंबित मामलों को शीघ्र निपटाने की दृष्टि से गत तीन वर्षों से किन-किन राज्यों में लोक अदालतों के प्रयोग चल रहे हैं;

(ख) उक्त तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष में कितने-कितने मामलों का निराकरण किया गया; और

(ग) क्या सरकार की कोई ऐसी पद्धति अपनाने की योजना है जिससे छोटे-छोटे मामलों का निपटारा शीघ्रता से हो सके ?

**संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और विधि, न्याय तथा कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम्)** : (क) कलैंडर वर्ष, 1989 के दौरान आंध्र प्रदेश, असम, बिहार, गोवा, गुजरात, हरियाणा, हिमाचल प्रदेश, जम्मू-कश्मीर, कर्णाटक, केरल, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, मणिपुर, मेघालय, मिजोरम, उड़ीसा, पंजाब, राजस्थान, तमिलनाडु, त्रिपुरा, उत्तर प्रदेश, पश्चिमी बंगाल राज्यों और संघ राज्यक्षेत्र दिल्ली तथा पांडिचेरी में लोक अदालतें आयोजित की गई हैं।

(ख) वर्ष 1989, 1990 और 1991 के दौरान लोक अदालतों द्वारा निपटाए गए मामलों की संख्या निम्नलिखित है :—

| वर्ष | निपटाए गए मामलों की संख्या |
|---|---|
| 1989 | 4,12,455 |
| 1990 | 6,42,462 |
| 1991 | 1,32,255 |

(ग) लोक अदालत, जो समझा-बुझाकर और सुलह के माध्यम से विवादों को सुलझाने के लिए स्वैच्छिक प्रयास है, न्यायालय के बाहर मामलों के शीघ्र निपटारे का प्रभावी तंत्र साबित हुई है।

**मध्य प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय में न्यायाधीशों के रिक्त पदों का भरा जाना**

582. **श्री राघव जी** : क्या विधि, न्याय और कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय एवं उसकी खंडपीठों में न्यायाधीशों के कुल कितने पद रिक्त हैं;